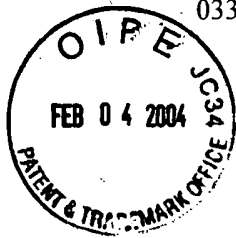


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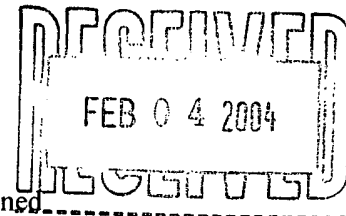
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the document cited in a newly-issued Japanese Office Action (dated December 2, 2003) submitted herewith.

Applicants certify that the item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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